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Pepco Asks Customers to be Safe as Hot Weather Continues *Current Heat Wave Could Last into the Weekend*

WASHINGTON – Pepco today urged customers to make safety a priority and conserve energy wherever possible as extremely high temperatures continue to affect the mid-Atlantic region. Extreme heat can be a danger to the young as well as senior citizens and those with medical conditions. Avoid heat stress by staying in cooled areas of your home, local shopping malls, libraries or public buildings as much as possible.

While power supply in the region is sufficient to meet expected demand, soaring electrical use can lead to higher bills. By practicing safety and energy conservation, customers can keep costs down.

Pepco offers the following energy-saving tips:

- Set air-conditioning thermostats at 78 degrees and use an electric fan, which doesn't require as much energy, and the air will seem cooler without sacrificing comfort.
- Keep window shades, blinds, or drapes closed to block the sunlight during the hottest part of the day and retain cooler air inside your home or business.
- Limit the use of electrically heated water and turn off non-essential appliances and as many lights as possible.
- Limit opening refrigerator or freezer doors.
- Postpone using high-energy appliances like electric stoves, washing machines, dishwashers and dryers until the evening.

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